DOCKET NO: 247097US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

HIROKAZU SAKAI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: VENKAT, J. A.

SERIAL NO: 10/743,834 :

FILED: DECEMBER 24, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1615

FOR: HAIR COSMETIC COMPOSITION :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed April 2, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I: Claim 6, drawn to a hair cosmetic composition comprising A-C, wherein B is a cationic surfactant.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claim of Group II, Claim 7, if the elected Group I claim is found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.